

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated November 28, 2003, claims 1-4 and 6-13 were pending in this application. Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 1-4 and 6-13 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended. Applicant submits that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

On page two of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as not disclosing the recited "first gap part," which is found in claim 1 and described in the specification on page 25, lines 16-19. In response, Applicants have amended the specification to add Figs. 32 and 33. Fig. 32 corresponds to the tenth embodiment of the invention, and Fig. 33 corresponds to the eleventh embodiment of the invention. Figs. 32 and 33 are substantially identical to Figs. 25 and 28, respectively, except the narrowed parts of Figs. 25 and 28 have been replaced with slits in Figs. 32 and 33. Support for the subject matter illustrated in these new drawings can be found on page 25, lines 16-19 of Applicant's specification. Applicant, therefore, respectfully solicits withdrawal of the imposed objection to the drawings.

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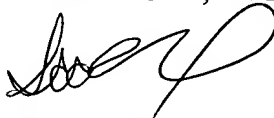
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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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